

BOARD OF DIRECTOR’S MEETING

JANUARY 15, 2014

MEETING MINUTES

SEWERAGE AND WATER BOARD OF NEW ORLEANS

ROLL CALL

The Executive Director, Marcia A. St. Martin, called the roll and showed the following members present: Mr. Wm. Raymond Manning, Mr. Marion Bracy, Ms. Kerri Kane, Mr. Glen Pilie, Mrs. Florence Schornstein, Dr. Beverly Wright, *Ms. Loyce Pierce Wright (Seven) and a quorum .

Absent: Mr. Mark M. Moody and Mr. Charles F. Webb (Two).

*Ms. Loyce Pierce Wright was not present when roll was called, but arrived later during the meeting.

Also present were: Brenda Thornton, Communirep, Inc; Randy Smith, Royal Engineers; Richard Rainey, Times Picayune; Geneva Coleman, The Hawthorne Agency, Inc.; Renee’ Lapeyrolerie, CDM Smith; Reginald Crear, IMS Engineers; Councilperson Kristin Gisleson Palmer, Ron Loesel, City of New Orleans, District “C”; Carol Rocque, Damon Rocque Securities; Joseph St. Martin (son of Marcia St. Martin).

Staff present were: Marcia A. St. Martin, Robert Miller, Executive Director’s Office; Joseph Becker, Madeline Fong Goddard, General Superintendent’s Office; Nolan Lambert, Special Counsel; Brian Ferrara, Harold Marchand, Yolanda Grinstead, Legal Department; Alvin Porter, Veronica Johnson, EDBP Department; Willie Mingo, Purchasing Department; Ethel Williams, Finance Administration Department; Jason Higginbotham, Emergency Management Department; Robert Jackson, Community & Intergovernmental Relations Department; Bobby Nathan, EEOC, Equal Employment Opportunity Department; Audrey Lee, Personnel Department; Paula Arceneaux, Julia Thomas, Employee Incentive Committee (EIC); Dexter Joseph, Emanuel Lain, Budget Department; Jacqueline K. Shine, Gabriel Bordenave, Revenue Administration Department; John Wilson, Terrance Wills, Support Services Administration; Richard Alexander, Ray Talbert, Albert E. Casanova, Jr., Sewerage Operations Department, Central Yard.

Introduction of the Mayor’s New Representative for the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans

The President Pro Tem announced the resignation of Mr. Cedric Grant as the designee to the Sewerage and Water Board effective immediately, pursuant to State Statue.

Mr. Manning introduced Ms. Suchitra J. Satpathi to the Board and staff. Ms. Satpathi would replace Mr. Cedric Grant to serve as the Mayor’s designee to vote for or in his stead in the Mayor’s absence and that as designee she be counted for purposes of a quorum. Ms. Satpathi is the current Director of State and Federal Relations and Board and Commissions for the City of New Orleans, and she brings with her years of experience as an attorney.

The Board and staff welcomed Ms. Satpathi to the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS REPORT

Mrs. Florence Schornstein moved to accept the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on December 18, 2013. Mr. Marion Bracy seconded the motion. The motion carried.

HONORS AND AWARDS

‘Special Tribute to Mrs. Marcia A. St. Martin’

The Board recognized and honored the Executive Director, Mrs. Marcia A. St. Martin with a proclamation, for her nearly 42-year professional career with dignity and respect, to public service, first with the City of New Orleans for 20 years and 21 years with the Sewerage and Water Board. She served as the Deputy Director for 12 years and as the Executive Director for nine years for the Sewerage and Water Board.

Accolades were given to Mrs. St. Martin for her dedication, commitment, support, servant leadership, integrity, and expertise that she shared with the Sewerage and Water Board as well as the citizens of New Orleans. The Board wished Mrs. St. Martin well in all of her future endeavors and a happy retirement.

*Ms. Loyce Pierce Wright entered at this time.

Mr. Glen Pilie moved to accept the Resolution Honoring Marcia A. St. Martin, Executive Director therein, (R-017-2014). Mr. Marion Bracy seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The President Pro Tem directed staff to place this resolution in the record of the Sewerage and Water Board and stated for the record, that he has personally enjoyed working with Mrs. St. Martin and he wanted to express his gratitude and thanks for her many years of service and dedication to the Sewerage and Water Board and the citizens of New Orleans.

(R-014-2014) – The Board honored employee, Mr. Gabriel Bordenave, Management Development Analyst II of the Revenue Administration Department. Mr. Bordenave is responsible for assisting in establishing policies and procedures, analyzing business processes and developing solutions to help the departments operate efficiently. Mr. Bordenave, being environmentally conscientious and understanding the importance of creating a greener workplace, took on the personal responsibility of initiating a recycling program at the Main Building. He personally set up receptacles to collect aluminum cans, metal tins, plastic bottles, office paper, newspaper, and cardboard. He collects the items and brings them to his home to be picked up by the City of New Orleans curbside recycling program. Because of his commitment, the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans can function as a more environmentally responsible agency.

(R-015-2014) – The Board honored employees, Mr. Richard Alexander, Mr. Albert Casanova and Mr. Ray Talbert, Pumping Station Assistant Supervisors whom are responsible for managing sewer pumping stations for the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans that includes operations, maintenance and staffing. On Saturday, December 28, 2013, the West Bank Sewer Treatment Plant was out of power due to a power pole knocked over by a car around 1:00 a.m. that resulted in local power failure in lower Algiers. This caused the plant to go offline for about 5 hours affecting eighteen sewer pump stations that had to be shut down. Mr. Alexander, Mr. Casanova and Mr. Talbert, three supervisory staff from the Sewerage Operations responded immediately. These employees reacted quickly by going to each of the eighteen stations and shutting them down. More importantly, they had to monitor the sewer levels to make sure that no over-flow occurred. Their constant vigilance and hard work paid off and the power came back on around 6:00 a.m. Sunday morning. Because of their outstanding work performance and dedication, operation was restored to these pump stations without incident.

These employees’ were honored for their actions above and beyond routine duties. The resolutions were adopted by acclamation.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Executive Director presented a slide overview that focused on the following topic: Water Management (1800-2014).

- 2014 State of the Agency
 - Water Management is an important factor in the future of the New Orleans.
- “Thank You”
 - Mrs. St. Martin thanked the men and women of the Sewerage and Water Board for the opportunity to work with a dynamic team of dedicated employees. She thanked the Board for allowing her to lead the agency with a practice principle-centered ethical servant leadership.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Marion Bracy, Committee Member reported on the summary and actions taken by the Operations Committee. The Operations Committee Report for the month of January was presented and recommended for approval.

Mr. Marion Bracy moved approval of the Operations Committee Report for the month of January. Mrs. Florence Schornstein seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The Special Counsel, Mr. Nolan Lambert stated that the Board accepts the recommendations of the Operations Committee.

Mr. Marion Bracy moved acceptance of the Operations Committee recommendations for the month of January. Mrs. Florence Schornstein seconded the motion. The motion carried.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairperson, Mr. Wm. Raymond Manning reported on the summary and actions taken by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee Report for the month of January was presented and recommended for approval.

Mrs. Florence Schornstein moved approval of the Executive Committee Report for the month of January. Mr. Marion Bracy seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Marion Bracy moved acceptance of the Executive Committee recommendations for the month of January. Mrs. Florence Schornstein seconded the motion. The motion carried.

CORRESPONDING RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were adopted:

R-001-2014 – Authorization to Accept the Lease Proposal for 4021 Behrman Place, Suite M-2 as the Future Customer Service Location Servicing the Algiers Neighborhood

R-002-2014 – Operating and Capital Cash Management Investments Policy

R-003-2014 – Rebuilding and Installing Automatic Transmissions in Medium and Heavy Duty Trucks – Req. No. YG140004

R-004-2014 – Furnishing Solid Wall (PVC) Pipe SDR 26 & 35 Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) C-900 Pipe for the Water Distribution System – Req. No. YW140001

- R-005-2014 – Furnishing Positive Displacement Type Cold Water Meters for the Meter Shop at the Main Water Plant – Req. No. MH130008
- R-006-2014 – Contract 1374 – Furnishing Basin Dredge Unit
- R-007-2014 – Contract 30005 – Restoration of Existing Gravity Sewer Mains Damaged by Hurricane Katrina by Excavation and Replacement from Manhole to Manhole, CIPP Lining from Manhole to Manhole and Point Repairs at various sites throughout Orleans Parish
- R-008-2014 – Contract 30006 – Restoration of Existing Gravity Sewer Mains Damaged by Hurricane Katrina by Excavation and Replacement from Manhole to Manhole, CIPP Lining from Manhole to Manhole and Point Repairs at various sites throughout Orleans Parish
- R-009-2014 – First and Final Renewal of contract for Furnishing and Delivering Automotive Batteries – Req. No. YG120060
- R-010-2014 – Final Acceptance and Close Out to Contract 3738 – Hurricane Related Repairs to Sewerage Pumping Station 15
- R-011-2014 – Final Acceptance and Close Out to Contract 3989 – Lower Ninth Ward Area Sewer Rehabilitation, Rehabilitation No. 8
- R-012-2014 – Amendment No. 1 to Existing Contract with Black & Veatch
- R-013-2014 – Amendment No. 5 to Existing Contract with Raftelis Financial Consultants, Inc.

NEW BUSINESS

Amendment to 2014 Capital Budget and 2014-2023 Capital Program

The Deputy Director, Mr. Robert Miller provided the Board with background information relative to the amended 2014 Capital Budget and the 2014-2023 Capital Program for the water, sewerage and drainage systems. The Sewerage and Water Board desires to expand its planned program for Development and Implementation of Green Infrastructure Projects through the addition of \$500,000 each year for 2016 through 2018; this change would increase the 2014-2023 Capital Programs from \$2,521,173,000 to \$2,522,673,000.

Mrs. Florence Schornstein moved approval of Resolution to Amend 2014-2023 Capital Program for Green Infrastructure Projects, therein (R-016-2014). Dr. Beverly Wright seconded the motion. The motion carried

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Marion Bracy moved to go into Executive Session to discuss the Appointment of the new Executive Director and for Legal Matters re: Level 3 Communications, LLC and Wiltel Communications, LLC v. Sewerage & Water Board of New Orleans, USDC No. 213-CV-05088; and Update EPA Consent Decree, United States of America v. Sewerage & Water Board of New Orleans, Civil Action No. 93-3212. Ms. Kerri Kane seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mrs. Florence Schornstein moved to come out of Executive Session. Dr. Beverly Wright seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Glen Pilie moved to give the President, Mayor Mitchell J. Landrieu and the President Pro Tem, Mr. Wm. Raymond Manning the authorization to enter into negotiations with Mr. Cedric Grant re: Executive Director’s Position. Mrs. Florence Schornstein seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Appointment of Interim Executive Director for the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans

The President Pro Tem requested a motion to appoint an Interim Executive Director for the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans until further notice.

Mrs. Florence Schornstein moved to appoint Mr. Robert Miller, Deputy Director, as the Interim Director for the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans until further notice (R-018-2014). Ms. Loyce Pierce Wright seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Bracy moved to accept the Legal Department’s recommendations re: Level 3 Communications, LLC and Wiltel Communications, LLC v. Sewerage & Water Board of New Orleans, USDC No. 213-CV-05088. Mrs. Florence Schornstein seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Bracy moved to accept the Legal Department’s recommendations re: Update EPA Consent Decree, United States of America v. Sewerage & Water Board of New Orleans, Civil Action No. 93-3212. Mrs. Florence Schornstein seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Following a brief discussion, the Special Counsel, Mr. Nolan Lambert thanked the Executive Director for her commitment and dedication regarding the success of the EPA’s Consent Decree of the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans.

INFORMATION ITEMS

The following items were submitted for informational purposes only:

- FEMA Status Report
- Report of the General Superintendent
- Report of the Special Counsel
- 2014 Committee/Board Meeting Schedule
- Financial Statements
- (Revised) Amendments to the By-Laws (Adoption in February 2014)

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.